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SUBJECT: SOVIET RECOGNITION OF GRUNK

REF: PHNOM PENH 11234 (NOTAL)

1. THE SOVIET CHARGE HERE CALLED ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE THIS MORNING (OCT 17) WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE STATING THAT, BECAUSE OF THE "POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION," THE SOVIET EMBASSY WILL WITHDRAW ALL ITS PERSONNEL EXCEPT FOR THREE CARETAKERS FOR EMBASSY PROPERTY (TWO BUILDINGS PROVIDED THE EMBASSY RENT-FREE BY THE GKR). THE NOTE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO BRING IN AN AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT ON OCTOBER 24 TO REMOVE PERSONNEL AND BELONGINGS.

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2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION WILL DESIGNATE ANOTHER

GOVERNMENT TO LOOK AFTER ITS INTERESTS HERE, THE SOVIET CHARGE SAID THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY AS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE NOT BEING BROKEN. THE SOVIET CHARGE DESCRIBED THE WITHDRAWAL AS "TEMPORARY."

3. THE GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOW PREPARING A NOTE GRANTING THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND ASKING FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR THE GKR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. THE GKR PLANS TO WITHDRAW ITS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 24, LEAVING ONLY THREE CARETAKERS FOR ITS PROPERTY (ALSO TWO BUILDINGS PROVIDED RENT-FREE BY THE USSR).

4. FOR MOSCOW: THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS REREAD ITS CABLE FROM MOSCOW (REFTEL) AND SOMEWHAT ABASHEDLY INFORMS US THAT IT IS THE GRUNK AND NOT THE GKR REPRESENTATIVES WHO THE CABLE REPORTS TO BE LEAVING MOSCOW AND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BUCHAREST. WE ARE NON-PULSSED BY THIS REPORT. ENDERS

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